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TAGS: EAGR, ETRD, EGEN

SUBJ: EXPORT EMBARGO ON SOYBEANS

REF: EC BRUSSELS 3587

1. EMBASSY HAS RECIEVED TELEX MESSAGES FROM NETHERLANDS GRAIN
TRADE COMMITTEE, ASSOCIATION OF DUTCH OILSEED CRUSHERS, ASSOCIA-
TION OF OIL REFINERS AND MARGARINE INDUSTRIES, ASSOCIATION OF
COMPOUND FEED INDUSTRIES AND GRANARIA B. V. (LATTER A PRIVATE
ROTTERDAM TRADING FIRM) PROTESTING U. S. EMBARGO ON SOYBEANS,
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COTTONSEED AND THEIR MEALS AND OILS. VERBATIN TEXTS THESE
MESSAGES BEING TELEXED FAS AND EMS, USDA, FOR DISTRIBUTION
AS APPROPRIATE.

2. POINT OF PARTICULAR CONCERN IS THAT CONTRACTS CONCLUDED PRIOR
TO JUNE 13 MAY NOT BE HONORED AND THUS ARE SUBJECT TO ALLOCATION
PROCESS.

3. EMBASSY WOULD URGE, IN FACE OF OBVIOUSLY DIFFICULT SUPPLY
SITUATION, THAT USDA AND USDC MAKE EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT IN
ALLOCATION PROCESS TO TAKE CARE OF EXPORTER SHIPPING COMMITMENTS
TO IMPORTERS WHICH WERE ON THE BOOKS PRIOR TO ANNOUNCEMENT OF
POTENTIAL EXPORT CONTROLS.

4. AG ATT CONTACTED BY MIN ECON DIRECTOR VAN WIJK AND ALSO HAD
LONG DISCUSSION OF SITUATION WITH MIN AG OFFICIALS. OUR IMPRESSION
OF DUTCH ATTITUDES ON BASIS OF THESE CONVERSATIONS AS FOLLOWS:
FIRST, DUTCH OFFICIALS RECOGNIZE SOYBEAN SUPPLY SITUATION AND
RESULTING NECESSITY FOR EXPORT CONTROLS DUE TO FACTORS NOT
ENTIRELY
WITHIN U. S. CONTROL. SECOND, THIS DOES NOT MATTER AND BLAME WILL
BE LAID ON UNITED STATES. THIRD, NECESSITY OF PLACING EXPORT
CONTROL ON SOYBEANS AND COTTONSEAD STRONGLY REINFORCE POSITION
OF THOSE EC MEMBERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOYBEAN CAP AND LEVY
SYSTEM ON OILSEED MEALS. FOURTH, CONTROLS WILL STRONGLY REINFORCE
POSITION OF THOSE COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT FAVOR AGRICULTURE SELF-
SUFFICIENCY, WHERE ACHIEVABLE, IN ALL AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.
IN SHORT, UNFORTUNATE NECESSITY OF IMPOSING EXPORT CONTROLS
HAS DONE SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE TO U. S. GENERAL POSITION ON AGRIC-
ULTURAL TRADE MATTERS.

5. TRADE REACTION IS THAT UNITED STATES SHOULD HAVE LET PRICES,
IRRESPECTIVE OF HOW HIGH THESE GO, ALLOCATE AVAILABLE SUPPLIES
BETWEEN U. S. DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN USERS OF BEANS AND MEAL AND
THAT WHILE U. S. TALKS ABOUT MARKET FORCES AS IDEAL MECHANISM FOR
DIRECTING OUTPUT AND US, WHEN SQUEEZE IS ON, WE ABANDON PRINCIPLES
AND EXPORT OUR PROBLEM TO OUR CUSTOMERS.

6. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT RECOMMENDATIONS MADE IN EC BRUSSELS 3587.
EXEMPT.
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